

Santa Clara City Library presents

Betsy Franco and Tom Franco

When Jesse Lucas, a troubled, magnetic acting major, touches the sculpture Meditation in Stanford's Rodin Sculpture Garden, he burns his finger on the bronze. By the time he returns to the garden that night, an eighteen-year old girl has emerged from the statue, naked and disoriented. It is 2008, yet her mind is swimming with vivid, fractured memories of her volatile past in 19th century Paris—of serving as Rodin's muse, of her passionate affair with the acclaimed artist, and of her own creations.

Betsy will talk about her first adult novel, *Naked*, and her collaboration with her son Tom who did the illustrations for the book. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Betsy Franco has written over eighty books for children and young adults. She is the recipient of a number of awards, including the New York Public Library Notable Book award, the ALA Best Book award for Young Adults, and the Northern California Independent Booksellers Book of the Year award. She has three sons, James, Thomas, and Dave—two actor/writers and a sculptor/illustrator. She lives in Palo Alto, California.



Photo by Jim Warren

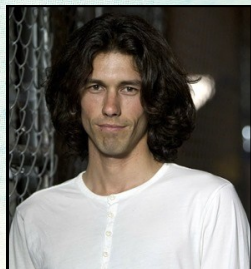


Photo by Tommy Lau

Tom Franco is a director, sculptor, painter, and the CEO of the Firehouse Art Collaborative in Berkeley, CA. He contributed the book's cover art and interior drawings.

This event is sponsored by the Santa Clara City Library Foundation & Friends

Please RSVP to:

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